The pay and allowances of the two chief officers of the Committee, the full-timed official President and the Health Officer, were a great drain on the Committee's funds. The expenditure on that account was too much for the Committee to bear. Considering the services rendered by official Presidents, he was of opinion that non-official Presidents could very well satisfy the needs of the Committee and that was the unanimous resolution of the Committee also. So far as the Health Officer was concerned, opinion was divided, one for maintaining the Health Officer and the other for appointing a medical man as Vice-President. In conclusion, he prayed that Government might be pleased to appoint a non-official President for the Trivandrum Committee as early as possible.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

106. Certain suggestions for the improvement of sanitation in the town of Shencottah.

Mr. N. Subbiah Thevar (Member, T. I. C., Shencottah) said that the local Committee was one of the poor Committees in the State and had been looked upon by the people of the place as a sort of burden imposed on them. The people who were mainly agriculturists were unable to bear the heavy expenditure they had to incur an account of the establishment of the Town Improvement Committee. Though the annual expenditure of the Committee came up to Rs. 4,000, no work of importance was being turned out. In view to improve the public health of the place, the Member submitted the following proposals for the consideration of the Government :—

(1) The tank situated at the eastern end of the Kulathupuzha road should be deepened and widened.

(2) The Perumalkulam within the town should be filled up.

(3) Drains should be constructed on the sides of the roads within the town limits.

(4) The local Distillery should be removed from its present site to the place selected for constructing a building for holding the Divisional Forest Office, Shenkottah Division, the Divisional Forest Office being shifted to the present Distillery building.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

107. Requirements of the Town Improvement Committee, Mavelikara.

Mr. K. Krishna Panikkan (Member, T. I. C., Mavelikara) requested that the lands, comprised in Survey No. 112/1 B in the Mavelikara *pakuthi*, be placed at Committee's disposal for constructing a building for holding their office. The Member then said that the Presidents of the Committees at Trivandrum, Alleppey and Parur had been granted carriage allowance. In the Committee's Budget Estimate for 1095 submitted to Government a sum of Rs. 50 had been provided for under 'Travelling allowance to officers', but Government declined to sanction the allotment. He requested that a carriage allowance might be sanctioned to the President of the Committee.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to the carriage allowance to the President, the question will be reconsidered if a representation is made by the Committee again. The other point is noted.

108. Need for further Government support to the Town Improvement Committee, Kottayam.

Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai B. A. & B. L. (Member, T. I. C., Kottayam) represented that the award of grants to the various Town Improvement Committees was regulated by G. O. No. G. 2283, dated the 13th May 1913. Under that G. O., the Kottayam Committee was given only Rs. 2,000, while Committees of comparatively less importance got more. The Member did not understand on what principle the grants were sanctioned. If population was the basis, Kottayam should come next to Trivandrum, for, it was a town which was rising in importance as a centre

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